

Application No. 10/055743
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Amendment
Attorney Docket No. S63.2B-9964-US01

Remarks

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 26 has been allowed because the prior art fails to teach or suggest the features of claim 26.

Applicants have canceled claims 1 and 14-25 without prejudice for purposes of expediting prosecution of this application. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute these claims in a continuation or divisional application.

Claims 5-13 have been amended to depend from claim 26 instead of claim 1. No new matter has been added.

Rejections

35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1, 5-13 and 23-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Samuelson et al. (US 6,165,166) in view of Kotliar et al. (US 4,4,886,689).

Applicants have canceled claims 1 and 23-25.

Claims 5 -13 have been amended to depend from claim 26 which has been allowed. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 5, 8-13 and 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Samuelson et al. (US 6,165,166) in view of Kotliar et al. (US 4,4,886,689).

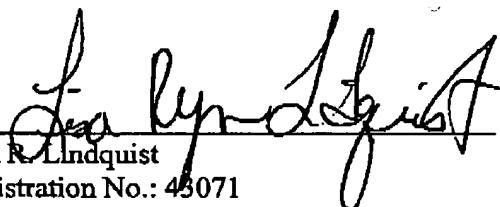
CONCLUSION

Claims 5-13 and 26 are pending in the application. Applicants have addressed each of the issues presented in the Office Action. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and an early allowance of the claims as presented. Should any issues remain, the attorney of record may be reached at (952)563-3011 to expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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